

Land and Materials Administration • Resource Management Program

Important Notice to Applicants For the Following Permits:

Discharge Permit for Oil Facility
Industrial Groundwater Discharge Permit
Sewage Sludge Structure Used for Storage or Distribution Permit
Groundwater Discharge Permit for Rubble Landfill
NPDES Industrial Surface Water Discharge Permit
Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Permit
Air Quality Permit to Construct that Requires Expanded Public Review

About the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Predictable Permitting Services Program

As part of its ongoing effort to improve service to permitting customers, MDE has established the Predictable Permitting Services Program in accordance with § 1-607 of the Environment Article. As an applicant for one of the listed permits, you are eligible to participate in this program. Here's how it works: Upon its determination that your application is complete, MDE will respond to any requests by providing a date by which you can expect a tentative determination to be published, barring delays beyond MDE's control. Please note that a tentative determination is not a permit. The length of time between MDE's publication of a tentative determination and the issuance of the permit depends on the extent of public interest in the permit application. If MDE fails to publish the tentative determination by the date promised, and if the delay was MDE's fault, all or part of the permit application fee will be refunded.

Please keep in mind that unfortunately, many permit delays are caused by factors beyond MDE's control. Ask your MDE permit writer about ways to minimize these delays. These factors include:

- Reviews and approvals by federal, local, or other State agencies;
- Requirements for public participation; and
- Delays in receiving information needed from permit applications.

To participate in this program, include a written request for an estimated tentative determination time with the permit application. Applicants should be assured that an application will be handled as expeditiously as possible, and does not depend on participation in the program. MDE is committed to providing all applicants with excellent permitting services. This program highlights MDE's commitment to providing predictable, common sense permitting services.

Questions or for additional information, please call MDE at (410) 537-3314